

2023



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# SEPTEMBER

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## THE YOUNG SHALL TRIUMPH!

Aria, a 16-year-old participant in the Family Services Program, has made remarkable progress in her healing journey. Just one year ago, Ari was grappling with mental health issues and the various challenges that many young people face, often suffering in silence. Her inability to cope with her trauma led her to become involved in the Youth Recovery Court (YRC) program. The program is a collaborative effort between Rosecrance and Juvenile Courts, offering an alternative to incarceration. Through this program, Ari received comprehensive support services and advocacy, with Family Services playing a direct role in supporting both Ari and her mother. On August 22, 2023, Ari successfully completed the fourth and final stage of the program, thanks to this supportive process. While Ari continues to make progress, we are immensely proud of her recent accomplishment and remain hopeful for her continued positive journey ahead.



## A CLOSER LOOK: WOMEN'S HOUSING PROGRAM

The Women's Housing Program, established in 2007, offers two years of transitional housing to single adult women. At present, four women are accommodated, with two residing in each unit. These women are committed to maintaining sobriety, actively participating in case management, and advancing toward the achievement of their Life Recovery Plan. This program serves as a stepping stone for women, empowering them to build strength and confidence while working towards their personal and housing-related goals. The ultimate aim is for them to become self-sufficient and reach their full potential. We emphasize holistic growth and development, encompassing physical, mental, emotional, financial, educational, social, and spiritual aspects of their lives.



## TRANSPORTATION IS A KEY TO SUCCESS



A lack of transportation is one of the biggest challenges for homeless adults trying to rebuild their lives. A reliable bicycle provides a mode of transportation to work, appointments, and support meetings. Through the Cycles For Change program, guests like Willie (pictured) who are diligently working to change their life, have an opportunity to earn a bike. Donations of bikes can be dropped off at Carpenter's Corner Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## AUGUST MILESTONES TO SHARE

- At Railroad, an average of **94** meals were provided each day.
- **37** children received backpacks full of school supplies, helping our families prepare for the new school year.



# MEETING THE NEED

## GET TO KNOW...JASON



Rev. Jason Hladik is our new Director of Guest Service. He was ordained in 2006 and began ministering as Senior Pastor to churches in 2008. He has served in Mokena, IL, Plano, IL, Wauconda, IL and most recently in Olean, NY. He married his wife, Tiffany, in 2010 and they have two daughters, Abigail and Abri. He has worked

in partnership with Genesis House, PADS, Love INC and other organizations to help people experiencing unemployment, homelessness and addiction. He is excited to see how God will use him to minister to the guests and staff of Carpenter's Place.

## SEPTEMBER NEEDS

- Q-Tips
- Men's Deodorant
- Women's Deodorant
- Lotion (travel Size)
- 8 oz Disposable Cups
- 16 oz Disposable Bowls
- Paper Towels
- Dryer Sheets
- Coffee
- Non-dairy Powdered Creamer

If you have any questions regarding our in-kind needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to Patti at [PattiF@carpentersplace.org](mailto:PattiF@carpentersplace.org) or call Patti at 779-210-2975.

## OPEN MEALS

### OCTOBER:

**BREAKFAST:** 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 25, 30, 31

**LUNCH:** 2, 4, 10, 17, 18, 23, 30, 31

### TO SECURE A DATE:

Email Mandy at

[MandyB@carpentersplace.org](mailto:MandyB@carpentersplace.org)

To make a **DONATION**, visit:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/cpdonate>.

## FROM THE STREETS TO BEING HOUSED

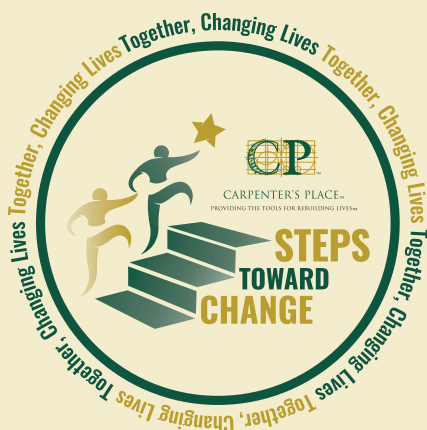
Homelessness is a challenge that affects countless lives, often robbing individuals and families of their basic human right to shelter, security, and dignity. But together, we have the power to change that. By supporting our housing programs, we are not only able to provide a roof over someone's head, but also create a stepping stone toward stability, independence, and a brighter future. Listen to Abner's experience of going from living under a bridge to being housed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQ2iS6g7Rd8>

Together we can inspire change, and fulfill our commitment to ensuring that everyone has a place to call home.

To donate: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/housing>

## SAVE THE DATE



## STEPS TOWARDS CHANGE WALK and EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER

### Sunday, November 12

To hear about sponsorship opportunities, contact  
Nancy at [NancyR@carpentersplace.org](mailto:NancyR@carpentersplace.org).



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# CELEBRATE SUCCESS: OPENING DOORS

## Thank you!

As Carpenter's Place turns 23, we had so much to celebrate at this year's event. We broke bread together, laughed, and even shared a tear. Former guest Mike Hendryx shared his heartfelt story of his life before and after Carpenter's Place. We also shared a video of current housing program guest Abner (see link on page 2), who spoke about his journey from living under a bridge to having a warm place to rest his head each night. We also honored some special award recipients. Thanks to our volunteers, donors and staff, Carpenter's Place is able to open doors to possibilities for our guests. Thank you!





## Our Event Sponsors

On behalf of the Carpenter's Place Board of Directors and Staff, we extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors and contributors who have generously supported our 2023 Celebrate Success Event. It is because of your support that we can continue to help homeless men and women, and families in crisis. Thank you!

A special thanks to our Premier Partners:

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Margaret Bachrodt  
(in memory of Dick Bachrodt)  
Amos and Carma Yoder

## 2023 Celebrate Success Award Recipients!

To acknowledge our gratitude for their time, talent and service, we presented the following awards:



First Free Church received the "Helping Hands Award". Erin Blume, standing with Board President Frank Perrecone, accepted the award on behalf of the church.



Field Fastener Supply received the "Angel Award". Ryan Dickerson, standing with Board President Frank Perrecone, accepted the award on their behalf.

## Blessing Bracelets Available

These wonderful bracelets are a gentle reminder of all the blessings in our lives. All proceeds benefit our Women's Housing Program. Each year, we have a special bracelet (front and center for \$25) for our Celebrate Success Event. Our black and brown beaded bracelets (right) are \$10 each, and the colorful beaded bracelets (left) are \$15 each. To purchase a bracelet, please contact Judy Prisby or Patti Floyd at 815-964-4105. Bracelets will be sold at Carpenter's Corner Thrift and More soon. Watch for more information in our October newsletter.

